

PNCC had already signed a binding agreement with Mighty River Power which assured the wind farm would go ahead come what may. The variation to the agreement further entrenched PNCC's prior commitment which has a \$3 million penalty and unlimited liability if it opposes the wind farm.

The charade of genuine consultation is clearly evident in this last minute workshop document for submitters where in light of the contract and variation lawyer PNCC lawyer, Maassen, is plainly lying.

There is speculation that Maassen drew up the PNCC MRP contract.

This is what he wrote in 2006. On the basis of his legal fees Maassen was a major beneficiary of this assault on Palmerston North

John Maassen (Cooper Rapley) from Saint Patrick's News, Christmas 2006, on environmental justice and the wind farm:

.....we are called as Christians to apply our rational faculties and reflect on how the common good is best served. In that regard I suspect our local media are not always guided by the need to inform but rather agitate.

TURITEA WINDFARM
MRP APPLICATION DATED AUGUST 2008
SUBMISSION WORKSHOP



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Submitters have just 10 days

CLOSING DATE!!

- 5pm, 23 February 2009;
- File submission with MfE;
- Send copy of submission to MRP.

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No submitter knew the whole thing was a jack up

October 2006 decision

- That the RMA consenting process was a necessary and sufficient mechanism to evaluate the appropriateness of a windfarm proposal in the Turitea Reserve. PNCC would abide an independent decision made under the RMA;
- Neighbouring rural residential properties should not be unduly affected and MRP should take special care in that regard;

In light of what subsequently transpired what best served the city and its ratepayers is of no consequence to Maassen and others with their snouts in the trough.

QUESTION BOARD OF INQUIRY MUST DETERMINE*

Is the overarching purpose of the Resource Management Act which is the sustainable management of natural and physical resources best served by granting consent or not to all or some of the turbines and if so on what conditions?

The lawyer who presented most of the city council's case, John Maassen, said the council's objection to the proposed wind farm's scale had been vindicated.

"I see it as a complete and utter victory. I'm rapt – over the moon."

Mr Maassen said the decision would protect the view of Palmerston North's south-east skyline from Fitzherbert Ave.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawatu-standard/news/4650298/Wind-farm-plan-derailed-map>